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PREFACE

This survey was made to prepare a master inventory of the public records of the county, with a view to the provision of better measures for the preservation and accessibility of such records; to make available, information concerning the present housing and care of records and accommodations for persons who may wish to consult them.

The inventory of records was made during the period April 12, 1936, to May 5, 1936, under supervision of S. J. Kagan, State Director, Norbert Meyers, Franklin, District Supervisor, and Clem Montgomery, Waldron, District Research Editor. The field workers were LaVita Burkhart, Trafalgar, and Floyd Pritchard, Franklin. Cooperation was given by the county and Works Progress Administration officials to make this survey successful.

It is the intention of the editors to present a complete, concise picture of the records of Brown County in bibliographical form, with a commentary description to each title, in order that the survey may be of benefit to the greatest number of usord.

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HISTORY

Brown County is in the south central part of the State. It is bounded on the north by Franklin and Morgan Counties, on the east by Bartholomew County, on the south by Jackson and Lawrence Counties, and on the west by Monroe County. It has an area of 320 square miles.

The territory comprising Brown County lies partly within the limits of two tracts of land, secured at different times from the Indians by treaty. One tract, a portion of "Harrison's Purchase", was obtained September 30, 1809, by the Treaty of Fort Wayne. The boundary line was surveyed by Arthur Henrie and William Harris in 1812. The other tract remained the property of the Indians until the treaty of October 26, 1818, which was signed at St. Mary's, Ohio. The terms of the treaty provided that this tract, along with other lands, became the property of the U. S. Government, and constituted a part of the "New Purchase." The boundaries of the "New Purchase" were laid out by J. Hedges and A. C. Looker, in 1819. The Indians were permitted to occupy this land for two years, until they were removed farther west into territory which had been set aside for them.

In the meantime, settlers drifted in and located, for the most part, in the hills. Today the natives of Brown County are descendants of pioneers who came from the Carolinas, the Virginias, Kentucky, and Tennessee.

The first permanent white settler was a man named Schoonover, who located on the bank of the creek which came to bear his name, since corrupted to Schooner. He was a German, and is said to have been a man who led a hermitlike existence, preferring to live in the wilder-

ness. His chief occupation was trading with the Indians.

In 1835, the number of settlers was sufficient to warrant the organization of a county government. Legislative authority was granted February 4, 1836. Brown County was created out of lands attached to Monroe, Jackson and Bartholomew Counties, and has had no territorial readjustments since. The following legal boundaries were designated: "Beginning at the northwest corner of section one, in township ten north, of range one west of the second principal meridian; thence south, with the government land line twenty miles to the southwest corner of section twelve, in township seven north, of the aforesaid range; thence east sixteen miles to the southeast corner of section nine in the last named township, in range four east; thence north with the government land line twenty miles to the northeast corner of section four, in township ten north; thence west, with the line dividing townships ten and eleven sixteen miles to the place of beginning." (Laws of Indiana, 1835-36 (General). p. 52).

The county was named for General Jacob Brown, a teacher, newspaper man, and soldier. For a while, he was ~~the~~ private secretary ~~of~~ to Alexander Hamilton. During the War of 1812, his troops won an unbroken series of victories, and he rapidly rose to fame. Congress gave him a vote of thanks and a gold medal. In 1821, he was appointed Senior General of the United States Army, which position he held until his death.

James Dawson was commissioned Sheriff by the Governor, and was authorized to order the election of county officials. This election was held early in June, 1836. John Floyd was elected to the offices

of Clerk and Recorder, James Taggart and Lewis F. Raper, Associate Judges, and Daniel Hedrick, William Jackson, and James Davidson filled the ~~office~~ positions of County Commissioners. The following August, James Taggart became Sheriff, William Fallowell, Coronor, and James McIntire, Probate Judge.

The three county commissioners held their first meeting in the home of James Dawson, on July 25, 1836. Their first official act was the subdivision of the county into townships and election precincts. They also appointed assessors and overseers of the poor. Thomas Hempson was appointed County Treasurer.

Brown County ~~was~~ is divided into five townships: Hamblen, Jackson, Johnson, Van Buren, and Washington. The county seat was first called Jacksonburg, but within the year the name was changed to Nashville, by a law of ~~Feb.~~ February 6, 1837.

The first session of the Circuit Court was held April 20, 1837, at the home of James Dawson, before Elisha M. Huntington, President Judge, and James Taggart and Louis F. Raper, Associate Judges. The first act of the court was the administration of the oath of office to the judges.

On May 8, 1837, the first Probate Court of Brown County convened at Nashville, with Judge James McIntire on the bench. The Judge presented his commission from Governor Noah Noble, and then opened court. A Common Pleas Court was established in 1853. The first session was held in Nashville before Judge William G. Quick.

In February, 1837, Banner Brummet, County Agent, let contracts for the construction of a courthouse and jail. The former was a two-story building of hewed logs, 18' by 24' in size. The jail was built of

the same material. This courthouse answered the purpose until 1853, when arrangements were made to build a brick structure to take its place. The old log house was sold, and for a year or more, sessions of the court were held in the Methodist Church. The second courthouse was destroyed by fire in 1873 and nearly all of the county records were lost.

The contract for the rebuilding of the courthouse was let in June, 1874. This structure is brick, two-stories high, with a cupola and a two-way iron stairway. It is typical of hill country architecture. The court and jury rooms occupy the upper floor, and the offices of the county officials are below. Wood stoves are used for heating. The old log courthouse is still standing. It is now used for a stable.

GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATION AND RECORDS SYSTEM

The county serves as a unit of local government for the maintenance of peace through the Sheriff; the administration of justice through the Circuit; the administration of welfare work through hospitals, infirmaries, and poor relief systems; the administration of public works such as highways, buildings and drainage systems; the imposition and collection of taxes; the holding of elections; the administration, to a limited degree, of education and enforcement of State laws and decrees.

The General Assembly conferred upon the board doing business in Brown county, powers of a local administrative character (1 Indiana Rev. Stat., 1852, Ch. 20, Sec. 1).

The business of Brown County is executed and discharged by a group of officials, some elected and some appointed. The Constitution directs that there shall be elected by the people, at the time of holding general elections, a Clerk of the Circuit Court, Auditor, Recorder, Treasurer, Sheriff, Coroner, and Surveyor (Indiana Const., Art. 6, Sec.2); and that such other county officers as may be necessary, shall be elected and appointed in such a manner as may be prescribed by law. (Indiana Const., Art. 6, Sec. 3). From this clause the General Assembly prescribed the elective office of Assessor (Acts 1919, Burns 64-1101 [14200], and the appointive offices: Health Commissioner (Acts 1899, Burns 26-501 [5862]), Agricultural Agent (Acts 1923, Burns 28-4911), Supervisor of Highways (Acts 1933, Burns 36-1110), and Board of Public Welfare (Acts 1936, Special Session, Burns 52-1117). The establishment of each of these offices caused the beginning of separate records as

prescribed by the General Assembly under the provisions for each respective office.

The Constitution also provides that the State shall from time to time be divided into judicial circuits; the eighth judicial circuit, which includes Johnson and Brown counties, was established in 1925 (Acts 1925, Burns 4-332); and a judge and prosecuting attorney for each judicial circuit shall be elected by the voters thereof (Indiana Const., Art. 7, Sec. 11).

Between the adoption of the Constitution of 1816 and the Constitution of 1851, practically no changes were made in the form of Brown County government. In 1873 the Common Pleas Court was abolished, and its jurisdiction transferred to the Circuit Court (Acts 1873, Burns 4-328). Following this period to the present time, changes were mainly enlargements of the government, such as the creation of the offices above. As a protection to the taxpayers of each county, the Board of Review was established (Acts 1919, Burns 64-122 /14205/), and later followed the formation of the Board of Tax Adjustment (Acts 1933, Burns 64-304).

As each office was created, the General Assembly prescribed the type of records which should be kept, in many cases listing the particular form of the page. Brown county was allowed its own form of accounting until, in 1909 the legislature established the State Board of Accounts which "shall formulate, prescribe, and install a system of accounting and reporting which shall be uniform for every public office of the same class." (Acts 1909, Burns 60-202 /12/637/). Under this new law some of the records were combined to eliminate separation, duplication and overlapping. The law also permits the use of bound looseleaf records in almost all cases

where the records are typed. The quality of the paper and ink, binding and rebinding practices are left to the judgment of the Board of County Commissioners, except that a good quality is asked.

Whenever it shall be necessary for the preservation of the records for any office of Brown county from mutilation, the Board of Commissioners shall make an order directing the officer in charge to copy and transcribe the record for preservation (Acts 1877, Burns, 26-204 [6093]). Such records so transcribed shall have the force and effect of the original record (Acts 1877, Burns 26-635 [6094]).

CHART OF COUNTY GOVERNMENT ORGANIZATION

(same as in Tippecanoe County Inventory)

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HOUSING OF PUBLIC RECORDS

The present building was constructed in 1850 of brick, two-stories high. It measures approximately 60' by 45' by 40', rising to a peak of about 75' above the ground, allowing 108,000 cubic feet of space. The building is not fireproof and, in 1871, the interior was entirely burned out. Nearly all of the records were burned at that time, with the exception of a portion of the Clerk's records. Some of the records of the Recorder have been re-recorded, while many which were burned are still missing. Even at the present time there are no fireproof vaults. Following the fire, the interior of the courthouse was rebuilt and still is a nonmodern structure, requiring stoveheat for each office, and access to the second floor is by an outside stairway. Some of the records of the Assessor and Treasurer were transferred to the attic over five years ago and access to the attic can be obtained only through an opening in the outside wall, 40' above the ground. This opening has been wired since the transfer of the records has been made. The officials of the county feel that it is better to get along with the present housing facilities, rather than throw the county heavily into debt for a new courthouse, but it is recommended that remedial measures be undertaken by providing a basement for offices and storage, should the condition of the building permit. The structure houses the offices of Agricultural Agent, Assessor, Auditor, Clerk, Recorder, Superintendent of Schools, and Treasurer. The Agricultural Agent and Superintendent of Schools' offices and the circuit courtroom occupy the second floor, all others are on the first floor.

The Agricultural Agent's bureau is located in the southeast section, second floor. The room is 16' by 16' by 18', with one door, 7' by 3',

and two windows, 6' by 3'. The floor is wood, ceiling and walls plaster, all in fair condition. At the south side of the room, there are 40' of closed wooden shelving, all of which is occupied by bound volumes, while filing cabinets provide 10' of boxes, 12" deep. The room is crowded, without room for expansion, and affords limited accommodations for users. This office should have some additional shelving.

The Assessor's bureau is located in the office of the Auditor.

The Auditor's bureau is located at the northeast section of the first floor. It comprises one room, 16' by 34' by 12', with two doors, 7' by 3', and three windows, 6' by 3'. The floor is wood, in good condition; ceiling and walls plastered, in fair condition. The room is stoveheated, with varying ventilation. At the northwest and east walls, there are 100' of open wood shelving. On this shelving, is stacked 250' of bound volumes; file cabinets provide 25' of boxes, 10" deep. The room is not crowded, and there is space to allow for new shelving. Two tables, a high desk, and chairs provide the accommodations for users. It is recommended that new shelving be installed.

The Commissioners' bureau is located in the Auditor's office and all records are stored in his office.

The Clerk's bureau occupies the northwest section of the first floor in a room, 16' by 34' by 12', with two doors, 7' by 3', and three windows, 6' by 3'. The floor is wood, in good condition; the walls and ceiling plastered, in fair condition. The room is stoveheated and ventilation is fair. Against the walls and at the center of the room, there are 500' of wood shelving, of which 400' are occupied by bound volumes, while file cabinets provide 10' of boxes, 10" deep. The room is very

crowded, with no space available for additional equipment. Part of this room is used for the janitor's supplies. Two desk tables and chairs provide some accommodations for users. It is recommended that part of the remedial work be allotted for additional space and equipment for this bureau.

The Health Commissioner's bureau is located in the office of Dr. F. L. Tilton, in his residence. All of the records are kept in his private office and the County provides neither office nor storage space.

The Recorder's bureau is located in the southwest corner of the first floor, in a room, 16' by 26' by 12', with two doors, 7' by 3', and two windows, 6' by 3'. The floor is wood, in good condition; the walls and ceiling plastered, in fair condition. The room is stoveheated, poorly ventilated, and somewhat dusty. Along the east and west walls, there are 80' of open wood shelving, all of which is occupied with bound volumes. The room is very crowded, allowing very little room for new shelving. One table, a desk and chairs, provide fair accommodations for users. It is recommended that a better type of shelving be installed and the room rearranged, which would allow better utilization of the present allotted space.

The Superintendent of Schools' bureau occupies the southwest corner of the second floor, in a room, 16' by 16' by 18', with one door, 7' by 3', and two windows, 6' by 3'. The floor is wood, ceiling and walls plastered, all in good condition. The room is stoveheated and very well ventilated. At the north and east walls, there are 50' of open wood shelving, all of which is occupied with bound volumes; file cabinets provide 10' of boxes, 10" deep. The room is not crowded and there is ample space for more shelving. Two large tables, a desk and chairs provide good accommodations for users. It is recommended that more shelving

and equipment be installed.

The Sheriff's bureau is located in the rear of the county jail, in a room, 10' by 10' by 10', with two doors, 7' by 3', and one window, 6' by 3'. The floor is cement, the walls and ceiling plastered, all in good condition. On a desk is located 2' of bound volumes. The room allows ample space for the Sheriff's work. A chair and desk provide accommodations for users. Older records are stored in the Clerk's office. It is recommended that office and equipment be provided for this bureau in the courthouse.

The Treasurer's bureau occupies the southeast section of the first floor, in a room, 16' by 26' by 12', with two doors, 7' by 3', and two windows, 6' by 3'. The floor is wood, walls and ceiling plastered, all in good condition. The room is stove heated and ventilation is fair. At the west wall, there are 60' of open wood shelving, of which all is occupied with bound volumes. The room is crowded and needs new shelving, even though a new arrangement would be necessary to provide the space. Two long tables, a desk and chairs provide good accommodations for users. It has been necessary for some time, to keep about 25% of the Treasurer's records in the Auditor's office. It is recommended that part of the remedial work be allotted for additional space and equipment for this bureau.

There has never been any remedial work done to the courthouse nor for the preservation of records by any government agency.

The officials of the County offered cooperation during this survey.

ABBREVIATIONS

The Style Manual of the United States Government Printing Office is the authority followed herein.

C.C.	County Courthouse
Const.	Constitution
V., vol.	Volume
Rev. Stat.	Revised Statutes

Other abbreviations occasionally used will be obvious from the context.

AGRICULTURAL AGENT

Whenever twenty or more residents of a county who are actively interested in agriculture shall file a petition, the county Board of Education shall file said petition with the County Council for appropriation of salary and expense; the Board of Education shall apply to Purdue University for the appointment of an Agricultural Agent whose appointment shall be made annually.

In accordance with the law an Agricultural Agent has been appointed for Brown County. It is his duty, under the supervision of Purdue University, to co-operate with movements for the advancement of agriculture, give advice to farmers, and aid the county Superintendent of Schools in giving practical education in agriculture and domestic science. (Acts 1913, Burns 28-4911 [7045].)

1. CORN-HOG AND WHEAT (AND TOBACCO) CONTRACTS, FILES OF, 1934-35. 12 file boxes.

Records of corn-hog, wheat, and tobacco contracts, and 4-H Clubs. No index. 14 x 14 x 24. C.C., Agricultural Agent's office.

ASSESSOR

The Assessor's office, created by the General Assembly, is non-constitutional.

The Assessor is nominated by primary and elected for a four-year term in the fall election, there being no prohibition against successive terms in office. Qualifications are established by law: He must have been a continuous freeholder of Brown County for not less than four years before the date of election, and he must provide a five thousand dollar bond, with two or more good and sufficient freehold sureties ~~to be~~ approved by the Auditor, who also administers the oath of office. The statutes direct that he shall be subject to the orders and directions of the state board of tax commissioners. He may be removed from office for misfeasance, upon notice and hearing, and may appeal to the Circuit Court from unfavorable hearings below. (Acts 1919, Burns 64-1101 [14200].)

His duties are to assess omitted property and inheritance, appraise each school plant, instruct the township assessors, carry out the orders of the state tax board, and act as president of Brown County Board of Review. (Acts, 1919, Burns 64-1102 [14200].)

2. ASSESSMENT LISTS, 1875--. 940 vols. (532 vols., not marked; 408 vols., marked by year and township).

Original assessment lists, showing lists of personal property and assessor's valuation carried to a total, subject to tax levy. Arranged alphabetically by names of assessed persons. 532 vols., handwritten;

408 vols., handwritten on printed form. 225 pp. 18 x 12 x 2. C.C., 124 vols., 1875-99, attic; 816 vols., 1899--, Auditor's office.

3. BOOK, 1882--. 272 vols., marked by township name. Record of assessment lists for each township and town, showing personal property, real estate and improvements, acting as assessor's guide in compiling complete assessment lists. Arranged by townships. Handwritten on printed form. 100 pp. 18 x 14 x 1. C.C., Auditor's office.

4. PLAT BOOK, 1882-~~1932.~~ 89 vols. Plat books showing real estate assessed, location of property, section, range, lot, and owners. No index. Handwritten. Condition fair. 100 pp. 18 x 12 x 1. C.C., Auditor's office.

AUDITOR

The Auditor is a constitutional officer, elected for a four-year term and entitled to hold office for not more than eight years in any period of twelve. The Auditor is required to post bond in the amount of ten thousand dollars. (Indiana Const., Art. 6, Sec. 2; Burns, 49-3003).

The Auditor is the clerk of the Board of County Commissioners. He preserves the documents, books, records, maps, and papers deposited in his office; examines and settles all accounts and demands chargeable against Brown County; keeps an account current with the Treasurer; acknowledges deeds and mortgages executed for the security of trust funds; issues pension certificates; institutes suits on behalf of trust funds; files records of poor relief and reports of charity cases; approves bonds of township trustees; advertises and sells bonds; delivers election supplies to election inspectors; prepares tax duplicates; verifies tax rates; issues tax deeds; acts as custodian of school funds; and accepts bequests for cemeteries. (1 Indiana Rev. Stat. 1852; Acts 1879; Burns 49-3004 [1887] to 49-3018 [1903].)

Budget

5. APPROPRIATIONS AND DISBURSEMENTS, RECORD OF, 1900-24. 7 vols. Record of funds appropriated for county officials and funds and disbursements against the appropriations. No index. Handwritten. 200 pp. 18 x 26 x 2. C.C., Auditor's office.

6. RECEIPTS, RECORD OF, 1899-1910. 1 vol.

Record of receipts, as collected by various county officials and turned over to the Treasurer, and reported to the Auditor. No index. Handwritten. 200 pp. 18 x 30 x 3. C.C., Auditor's office.

7. WARRANTS, REGISTER OF, 1919-24. 1 vol.

Register of warrants, issued by the Auditor against the Treasurer on order of Board of Commissioners for claims allowed. No index. Handwritten on printed form. 200 pp. 18 x 12 x 2. C.C., Auditor's office.

Purchasing

8. BIDDER'S RECORD, 1936. 1 vol.

Record of bids on supplies to county institutions and officials. No index. Handwritten. 200 pp. 15 x 15 x 2. C.C., Auditor's office.

School Funds

9. INVENTORY OF TRUST OR SCHOOL FUNDS, 1912--. 1 vol.

Periodic inventory of school or trust funds, including receipts, disbursements, loans, mortgages, and principal and interest payments. Condition fair. 300 pp. 18 x 20 x 2. C.C., Auditor's office.

10. SCHOOL FUND LOANS, REGISTER OF, 1878--. 5 vols. (1-5).

Record of school funds loaned on real estate mortgages, showing list of mortgagors, description and location of real estate. Indexed alphabetically by mortgagor. Handwritten on printed form. Condition fair. 500 pp. 18 x 12 x 3. C.C., Auditor's office.

11. SCHOOL FUND REPORTS, 1912--. 25 boxes.

Periodic reports of school fund receipts. No index. Condition fair. 6 x 4 x 12. C.C., Auditor's office.

12. SCHOOL FUNDS, REGISTER OF, 1856-94. 2 vols.

Record of school funds, showing amount received, from whom, and on which fund. No index. Handwritten. 200 pp. 18 x 12 x 2. C.C., Auditor's office.

Social Security

13. OLD AGE PENSIONS, RECORD OF, 1933--. 2 vols. (1 and 1 vol. not numbered).

Record of persons applying for old age pensions, carrying application, approval or rejection, and claims against fund. No index. V. 1, handwritten on printed form; unnumbered volume, typed. 400 pp. 18 x 12 x 3. C.C., Auditor's office.

14. POOR CLAIMS REPORT, 1912--. 25 boxes.

Periodic reports of claims against poor fund. No index. Condition fair. 6 x 4 x 12. C.C., Auditor's office.

15. POOR FUND CLAIMS, REGISTER OF, 1935--. 1 vol.

List of claims allowed and paid ~~by~~ to county indigents. No index. Handwritten. 250 pp. 18 x 16 x 3. C.C., Auditor's office.

Tax

16. APPORTIONMENT RECORD, 1921--. 1 vol.

Record of apportionment of taxes to each township. No index. Handwritten. 400 pp. 18 x 12 x 3. C.C., Auditor's office.

17. DELINQUENT RECORDS, 1841-74. 11 vols.

List of delinquent taxes, showing owner, amount delinquent, and penalty. No index. Handwritten on printed form. 325 pp. 18 x 20 x 3. C.C., Auditor's office.

18. TAX SALES, REGISTER OF, 1846--. 5 vols.

Record of tax sales, showing owner, description of land, quantity sold, amount paid, by whom purchased, and if redeemed. No index. Handwritten. Condition fair. 400 pp. 18 x 12 x 3. C.C., Auditor's office.

19. TRANSFER BOOK, 1884--. 57 vols.

Record of transfer of real estate, for assessment and reassessment purposes, showing owner, description of property, improvement valuation, to whom transferred, assessed valuation, and mortgage ~~valuation~~ exemption. Indexed alphabetically. Handwritten on printed form. 100 pp. 20 x 22 x 2. C.C., Auditor's office.

CLERK

The Clerk of the Circuit Court is a constitutional officer, elected for a four-year term. and not entitled to hold office more than eight years in any twelve-year period. (Indiana Const., Art. 6, Sec. 2; Burns 49-2701 [1841].)

The Clerk preserves all records and writings filed in his office, procures all necessary judges' appearance, bar judgment, and execution dockets, and order and final record books; attends the Brown County sessions of the Johnson-Brown Circuit and enters in the proper record book all orders, judgments, and decrees of the court; keeps a complete record of all causes where the title to land is involved and of criminal causes where the punishment is death or imprisonment. He is authorized to receive all funds ordered to be paid into the court. (2 Indiana Rev. Stat. 1852; Acts, 1859, 1867, 1875, 1879 [Special Session], 1929, and 1935; Burns 49-2701 to 49-2725 [1841-1857].)

Bonds

20. OFFICIAL BOND RECORD, 1885-1912. 2 vols. numbered 2. V. 1, missing.

Record of officials and amounts of bonds and sureties. Indexed alphabetically by names of officials bonded. Handwritten. 500 pp. 18 x 12 x 3. C.C., Clerk's office.

21. INDEX, OFFICIAL BOND RECORD, 1885-1912. 1 vol.

Index to Official Bond Record. Arranged alphabetically. Handwritten. 500 pp. 18 x 12 x 3. C.C., Clerk's office.

Court, Circuit

22. DOCKET, 1853. 37 vols. (1-37).

Record of cases set for trial, showing plaintiff and defendant, cause, and calendar. No index. Handwritton. V. 37, looseleaf. 450 pp. 18 x 12 x 3. C.C., Clerk's office.

23. ENTRY DOCKET, ISSUE DOCKET AND FEE DOCKET, 1913--. 6 vols. (1-6).

Record of actions entered in court, proceedings of the issue, and fees. No index. Handwritton on printed form. 400 pp. 18 x 12 x 3. C.C., Clerk's office.

24. EXECUTION DOCKET, 1837--. 8 vols. (2-8, and 1 vol. not numbered).

Record of writs of judgments for sale of property, given to sheriff, and costs of execution writs. Indexed alphabetically by plaintiff. Handwritten on printed form. Condition fair. 588 pp. 18 x 12 x 2. C.C., Clerk's office.

25. FEE BOOK, 1847-96. 17 vols. (1-3, 13, 12 vols. not numbered). 2 vols. numbered 2.)

Record of daily fees collected by Clerk for costs of cases. No index. Handwritten on printed form. Condition fair. 200 pp. 18 x 12 x 2. C.C., Clerk's office.

26. INDICTMENT RECORD, 1854-1926. 4 vols. (3-5, 1 vol. not numbered).

Record of indictments of grand jury against persons charged with crime. No index. Handwritton on printed form. 500 pp. 18 x 12 x 3. C.C., Clerk's office.

27. INSANE RECORD, 1873--. 4 vols. (1-2, 1 v. not numbered. 2 vols. numbered 1).

Record of insanity or symptoms of insanity, physician's statements, affidavits, and commitments. Indexed alphabetically by names of insane. Handwritten on printed form. 400 pp. 18 x 12 x 3. C.C., Clerk's office.

28. JUDGMENT DOCKET, 1841--. 7 vols. (1-3, and 3 volumes not numbered. 2 vols. numbered 1).
Record of judgments issued in cases. Indexed alphabetically by plaintiff and defendant. Handwritten on printed form. Condition fair. 450 pp. 18 x 12 x 3. C.C., Clerk's office.

29. LIS PENDENS RECORD, 1877--. 3 vols. (A-B, 1).
Record of cases pending in court to attach real estate. Indexed alphabetically by defendants. Handwritten on printed form. 450 pp. 18 x 12 x 3. C.C., Clerk's office.

30. ORDER BOOK, CIVIL, 1838--. 29 vols. (A-C, F-Z, A-1 to A-5).
V. D-E, missing, probably destroyed by fire of 1873.
History of all civil cases, carrying statement of cause, presentation of evidence, deliberation, judgment, and examination thereof. Indexed alphabetically by defendant. Handwritten. 500 pp. 18 x 12 x 3. C.C., Clerk's office.

31. ORDER BOOK, CRIMINAL, 1880--. 6 vols. (1-6).
History of all criminal cases carrying statement of cause, presentation of evidence, deliberation, judgment, and ~~examination~~ thereof. Indexed alphabetically by defendant. Handwritten. 500 pp. 18 x 12 x 3. C.C., Clerk's office.

32. PARTITION RECORD, 1853--. 3 vols. (1-2, and 1 vol. not numbered).

Histories of actions for partition of real estate, showing petition, presentation of evidence, and judgment. Indexed alphabetically by parties requesting partitions. Handwritten. 505 pp. 18 x 12 x 3. C.C., 1 vol., unnumbered, 1853-69, Clerk's office; v. 1-2, 1874--, Recorder's office. (Apparently no entries between 1869 and 1874.)

33. QUIET TITLE RECORD, 1911-27. 4 vols. (1-2, 2 vols. not numbered).

History of proceedings in suits for a quiet title deed, showing petition, presentation of evidence, and disposition. Indexed alphabetically by defendant. Handwritten. 530 pp. 18 x 12 x 3. C.C., Recorder's office.

34. RECEIVER'S RECORD, 1915. 1 vol.

Record of receiverships, showing appointment of receiver, inventory of goods, and history of court procedure. No index. Handwritten. 250 pp. 18 x 12 x 2. C.C., Clerk's office.

35. RECORDS, 1859--. 330 cardboard boxes, not numbered, and 6 file boxes (1935--).

Papers in civil, criminal matters, guardianships, estates, and election registrations. Cardboard boxes not indexed; steel file boxes indexed numerically. Condition fair. Cardboard boxes, 4 x 6 x 12; steel boxes, 12 x 4 x 18. C.C., Clerk's office.

36. SALE BILLS, RECORD OF, 1853-1921. 3 vols. (1-3).

Record of court orders for sales, showing itemized statements of sales. No index. Handwritten. Condition fair. 300 pp. 18 x 12 x 3. C.C., Clerk's office.

Court, Common Pleas

37. ORDER BOOK, 1859-74. 3 vols. (1, 3, 5). V. 2, 4, missing.

History of civil, criminal, and probate cases, carrying statement of cause, presentation of evidence, deliberation, judgment, and execution thereof. This court was abolished by law in 1873. Indexed alphabetically by plaintiffs. Handwritten. Condition fair. 500 pp. 18 x 12 x 3. C.C., Clerk's office.

Court, Probate

38. ADMINISTRATORS' RECORD AND ADMINISTRATORS', EXECUTORS' AND GUARDIANS' BONDS, 1853-84. 2 vols.

Combined record in matters of estates carrying record of proceedings of administrators and of bonds of guardians and executors. Indexed alphabetically. Handwritten on printed form. 300 pp. 18 x 12 x 2. C. C., Clerk's office.

39. COMPLETE RECORD, 1837-1926. 9 vols. (A, 1-6, 2 sets of volumes marked A and 2).

Complete history of estate proceedings, introduction into court, and final settlement. Indexed alphabetically by estates or heirs. Handwritten. 500 pp. 18 x 12 x 3. C.C., Clerk's office.

40. DOCKET, 1879--. 6 vols. (1, 7, 9-10, 2 not numbered). V. 4-6, 8, missing.

Record of guardians and administrators appointed by court, showing appointment, cause, oaths, and letters. Indexed alphabetically by administrators' names. Handwritten on printed form. 430 pp. 18 x 12 x 3. C.C., Clerk's office.

41. ENTRY, CLAIM AND ALLOWANCE DOCKET, GENERAL, 1853-1913.

7 vols. (Two sets numbered 1-2, 4; 1 vol. numbered 3; 1 vol. not numbered.) One set, v. 1-2, 4, 1853-81, titled Appearance Docket; v. 3, 1865-71, missing.

Record of claims and allowances for estates by court orders. Indexed alphabetically by estates. Handwritten. 500 pp. 18 x 12 x 3. C.C., Clerk's office.

42. GUARDIANS' BONDS, 1853-85. 1 vol.

Record of bonds of guardians appointed by court for children and estates. Indexed alphabetically by guardian. Handwritten on printed form. 250 pp. 18 x 12 x 3. C.C., Clerk's office.

43. GUARDIANS' DOCKET, 1874-1912. 2 vols. (1, 1 not numbered).

Record of proceedings of cases, showing names of guardians and wards, addresses, and calendar. Indexed alphabetically by guardians. Handwritten on printed form. 300 pp. 18 x 12 x 2. C.C., Clerk's office.

44. INVENTORY RECORD, 1863--. 3 vols. (2, 4, 6). V. 1, 3, 5, missing.

Inventory of personal property of decedents for purposes of accounting, taxation, and sale. Indexed alphabetically by decedents. Handwritten on printed form. 450 pp. 18 x 12 x 3. C.C., Clerk's office.

45. ORDER BOOK, 1838--. 19 vols. (A-B, 2-18).

History of cases carrying statement of cause, presentation of evidence, deliberation, judgment, and execution thereof. Indexed alphabetically by estates. Handwritten. 500 pp. 18 x 12 x 3. C.C., Clerk's office.

46. ORDER BOOK, DECEDENT'S ESTATES, 1855-69. 2 vols. (2-3).

V. 1, missing.

Record of administrators' reports of property sold by order of court and return of receipts. Indexed alphabetically by decedents. Handwritten. 550 pp. 18 x 12 x 3. C.C., Clerk's office.

47. WILL RECORD, 1845--. 3 vols. (A-C).

Exact copy of wills, with codicils and signatures, and record of probation proceedings. Indexed alphabetically by testator. Handwritten. Condition poor. 375 pp. 18 x 12 x 3. C.C., Clerk's office.

Election

48. RECORD, 1890-1924. 2 vols. (1-2).

Record of election returns, showing election boards for voting places and number of votes. No index. Handwritten. 350 pp. 18 x 12 x 3. C.C., Clerk's office.

Licenses and Registers

49. PHYSICIANS AND ACCOUCHEURS, REGISTER OF, 1876-1930. 1 vol.

Register as indicated by title, showing qualifications and addresses. No index. Handwritten. 300 pp. 16 x 10 x 2. C.C., Clerk's office.

50. PHYSICIANS' CERTIFICATES, RECORD OF, 1876-1930. 2 vols.

numbered 1.

Record of credentials of practicing physicians. Indexed alphabetically. Handwritten on printed form. Condition fair. 250 pp. 18 x 12 x 2. C.C., Clerk's office.

51. MARRIAGE RECORD, 1836--. 11 vols. (A-B, 2-10).

Record of marriages, including applications for licenses and certificates returned. Indexed alphabetically by bridegrooms. Handwritten

on printed form. 500 pp. 18 x 12 x 3. C.C., Clerk's office.

Naturalization

52. DECLARATION OF INTENTION, 1860. 1 vol.

Record of declarations of intention of persons seeking naturalization. No index. Handwritten on printed form. 200 pp. 16 x 10 x 2. C.C., Clerk's office.

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

The Board of County Commissioners is a statutory body consisting of three qualified electors, elected for three years on party tickets at the general elections. (1 Indiana Rev. Stat. 1852; Acts, 1929; Burns 26-601 [5913].)

The Board of County Commissioners holds twelve monthly sessions. ~~They~~ It makes orders respecting the property of Brown County, sells, purchases, takes care of, and preserves the property. ~~They shall~~ It allows all accounts chargeable against Brown County not otherwise provided for and directs the raising of sums necessary for expenses, audits accounts of all officers, provides election supplies, and maintains highways. ~~They~~ It may abolish or change township or precinct boundary lines, establish libraries and hospitals, aid war veterans, pay bounties, offer rewards, and appoint deputy sheriffs, highway, and drainage commissioners. (1 Indiana Rev. Stat. 1852; Acts, 1863, 1865, 1879 [Special Sess.], 1885, 1897, 1899, 1907, 1913, 1921, and 1929; Burns 26-601 to 26-639, [5913-6103].)

Claims

53. ALLOWANCES, REGISTER OF, 1875-83. 5 vols. (A, 1-3, 1 vol. not numbered).

Record of claims against the county for labor and materials and all allowances or disallowances made by commissioners for same; all allowances returned to Auditor to issue warrants for payment. No index. Handwritten. Condition fair. 350 pp. 18 x 12 x 3. C.C., Auditor's office.

54. DOCKET, 1859-1910. 3 vols.

Record of claims for service rendered and allowance for same. No index. Handwritten. 400 pp. 18 x 12 x 3. C.C., Auditor's office.

55. REGISTER OF (CIRCUIT) COURT AND OTHER MISCELLANEOUS ALLOWANCES, 1916-35. 1 vol. (B) V. A, prior to 1916, missing.

Record of claims for costs of insanity hearings, divorces, and inquests, as ordered by Circuit Court. No index. Handwritten. Condition fair. 390 pp. 18 x 12 x 3. C.C., Auditor's office.

Proceedings and Reports

56. RECORD, 1856--. 17 vols. (C-S). V. A-B, prior to 1856, destroyed in fire of 1873.

Minutes of proceedings of meetings, showing petitions and actions thereon. Indexed alphabetically. Handwritten. 400 pp. 18 x 12 x 3. C.C., V. C-D, 1856-69, Recorder's office; v. E-S, 1869--, Auditor's office.

57. REPORTS, 1912--. 50 boxes.

Contains reports of Commissioners. No index. Condition fair. 6 x 4 x 12. C.C., Auditor's office.

58. TESTIMONY, RECORD OF, 1873-74. 2 vols.

Record of cases before Commissioners and of testimony relating to contents of records destroyed by fire in 1873. Indexed alphabetically by mortgagor. Handwritten. 400 pp. 18 x 12 x 3. C.C., Auditor's office.

Roads

59. RECORD, 1912-20. 1 vol.

Record of petitions for roads and road changes and action thereon. Indexed alphabetically by petitioner. Handwritten. 450 pp. 18 x 12

x 3. C.C., Auditor's office.

60. ROAD REPORTS, 1912--. 40 boxes.

Showing receipts of expenditures for building and upkeep of county roads. No index. Condition fair. 6 x 4 x 12. C.C., Auditor's office.

The County Council is composed of seven members. Brown County is divided into four councilmanic districts with one councilman elected by the electors of each district, and three others elected at large by the electors of the entire county (Acts 1899; Burns 26-502 [5863].) They hold office for four years (Acts 1899; Burns 26-505 [5866].) The Council elects its president (Acts 1899; Burns 26-507 [5868]), the Auditor acts as clerk (Acts 1899; Burns 26-509 [5870]), and the Sheriff executes the orders of the Council (Acts 1899; Burns 26-510 [5871]).

The power of fixing the tax rate for county purposes, and for all purposes where the rate not fixed by law is required to be uniform throughout the county, is vested in the Council, as well as the power of making appropriations of money to be paid out of the county treasury (Acts 1899; Burns 26-515 [5876]).

The Council passes on all budget estimates submitted by county officials (Acts 1899; Burns 26-520 [5881]), as well as emergency appropriations (Acts 1899, 1907, 1913; Burns 26-521 [5882]).

The Council has the exclusive power to authorize the borrowing of money for the county and the issuing of bonds (Acts 1899, 1921, 1929; Burns 26-532 [5893]). No sale or purchase by the county of real estate of the value of $1,000 or more shall take place without authorization of the Council (Acts 1899; Burns 26-534 [5895]).

61. ~~COUNCIL~~ RECORD, ~~COUNTY~~, 1899--. 2 vols.
Minutes of proceedings of meetings, showing proposed budgets, bond

issues, tax levies, and action thereon. No index. Handwritten. 400 pp. 18 x 12 x 3. C.C., Auditor's office.

HEALTH COMMISSIONER

The Health Commissioner is appointed by the County Commissioners for a four-year term and is not restricted or limited as to the number of years he may serve. (Burns 35-108 /8158/.)

It is the duty of the Health Commissioner to study and check, wherever and whenever possible, in the various ~~communities~~ communities, contagious diseases, and advise and counsel various persons interested in the control of diseases. He is required to maintain records of births, deaths, marriages, make dairy inspections, food inspections, and hold regular examinations of pupils in the various schools of Brown County at regular intervals. (Acts, 1891; Burns 35-108 /8158/.)

The Health Commissioner keeps his official records in his private office at his residence. The incumbent is Dr. F. L. Tilton who resides in Nashville, Ind., the county seat.

62. BIRTH RECORD, 1882--. 12 vols. No record made before 1882. Record of births, showing date of birth, sex, father and mother, color or race, residence, occupation, place of birth, and person making return. Indexed alphabetically by children. 200 pp. 18 x 14 x 2. Dr. F. L. Tilton's office, Nashville, Ind.

63. CONTAGIOUS DISEASES, 1885--. 3 vols. Record of contagious diseases, showing dates, patients' names, and diseases. No index. Handwritten on printed form. 200 pp. 18 x 14 x 2. Dr. F. L. Tilton's office, Nashville, Ind.

64. DEATH RECORD, 1882--. 4 vols. Record of deaths showing date, cause, name of deceased, name of physi-

cian attending, and place of death, place of burial, and name of undertaker. Indexed alphabetically by name of deceased. Handwritten on printed form. 200 pp. 18 x 14 x 2. Dr. F. L. Tilton's office, Nashville, Ind.

65. MARRIAGE CERTIFICATIONS, 1882--. 3 vols. Record of marriages, showing name, age, color, father, mother, place of birth, residence, and occupation. No index. Handwritten on printed form. 250 pp. 18 x 12 x 2. Dr. F. L. Tilton's office, Nashville, Ind.

RECORDER

The Recorder is a constitutional officer elected for a four-year term. He is nominated in the primary and elected in the ~~poll,~~ regular elections, and is not eligible to hold office for more than eight years in any twelve-year period. (Indiana Const., Art 6, Sec. 2, 1 Rev. Stat. 1832; Acts, 1901; Burns 49-3201).

It is his duty to enter upon the books of his office at the time they are executed all satisfactions, cancelations, and assignments, of whatever kinds, attest the release of mortgages, leases, or other instruments required by law to be recorded, record every conveyance or other instrument entitled and required by law to be recorded in Brown County, to keep special records of cemetery deeds, cemetery associations, farm names, chattel mortgages, and miscellaneous instruments. (Indiana Rev. Stat. 1852; Acts 1855, 1875 [Special Session], 1905, 1913, 1919, 1925, 1927, and 1931; Burns 49-3203 to 49-3235 [11923-11953].)

Deeds

66. CEMETERY DEED RECORD, 1905--. 1 vol.

Record of deeds showing purchases of lots in cemetery. Indexed alphabetically by cemetery name. Handwritten. 300 pp. 18 x 12 x 3. C.C., Recorder's office.

67. DEEDS RECORDS, 1849--. 52 vols. (A-D, 1-48).

Copies of deeds properly certified and recorded. Indexed alphabetically by grantor and grantee. Handwritten. V. A-D are copies of records destroyed in fire of 1873. 550 pp. 18 x 12 x 3. C.C., Recorder's office.

68. DEEDS, GENERAL INDEX OF, 1873--. 16 vols. (2 sets, numbered 1-8).

Index to records of deeds; one set to grantors, one set to grantees. Arranged alphabetically. Handwritten on printed form. 400 pp. 18 x 12 x 3. C.C., Recorder's office.

69. ENTRY BOOK, 1877--. 5 vols. (1-5).

Record of entries of all deeds, showing date, hour, and minute of entry, kind of instrument, grantor, grantee, and guide number. No index. Handwritten. 500 pp. 18 x 12 x 3. C.C., Recorder's office.

70. ENTRY BOOK OF GOVERNMENT LAND OR GOVERNMENT ENTRY BOOK, 1829-73. 1 vol.

Record of land purchased from the U. S. Government, showing description of land and name of grantee. This is a copy of the original volume destroyed in the fire of 1873. No index. Handwritten. 200 pp. 18 x 12 x 2. C.C., Recorder's office.

71. EVIDENCE OF TITLE, 1874-94. 1 vol.

Record of sworn statements relating to title to property where deed is lost and evidence of such is produced. Indexed alphabetically by grantor. Handwritten. 260 pp. 16 x 10 x 2. C.C., Recorder's office.

72. SHERIFF'S DEED RECORD, 1874-1913. 2 vols. (1-2).

Copies of deeds recorded of property sold at Sheriff's sale after expiration of time limitation for redemption, properly certified. Indexed alphabetically by defendants. Handwritten. Condition fair. 400 pp. 18 x 12 x 3. C.C., Recorder's office.

Fees

73. FEE AND CASH BOOK, 1892--. 4 vols. (1-4). 1907-9, missing.

Record of fees collected on instruments recorded with space allotted for running balance of cash. No index. Handwritten on printed form. Condition fair. 400 pp. 18 x 12 x 2. C.C., Recorder's office.

Mortgages

74. CHATTEL MORTGAGE RECORD, 1879-18--. 6 vols. (1-6).
Record of mortgages on personal property. Indexed alphabetically by mortgagor. Handwritten on printed form. Condition fair. 588 pp. 18 x 12 x 3. C.C., Recorder's office.

75. ENTRY BOOK OF MORTGAGES, 1905--. 1 vol.
Record of entries of mortgages and fee charges showing date and hour of entry, mortgagor and mortgagee, kind of instrument, and guide number. No index. Handwritten on printed form. 350 pp. 18 x 12 x 3. C.C., Recorder's office.

76. FEDERAL LAND BANK MORTGAGE RECORD, 1923--. 1 vol.
Record of mortgages assumed by Federal Land Bank under the law of 1933. Indexed alphabetically by mortgagor. Handwritten on printed form. 300 pp. 18 x 12 x 3. C.C., Recorder's office.

77. MORTGAGE RECORD, 1871--. 18 vols. (1-18).
Copies of real estate mortgages, properly certified and recorded with space allotted for satisfaction endorsement. Indexed alphabetically by mortgagors. Handwritten. Condition fair. 588 pp. 18 x 12 x 3. C.C., Recorder's office.

78. MORTGAGES, GENERAL INDEX TO, 1871--. 10 vols. (1-7).
4 vols. numbered 1), 2 vols., titled General Index to Chattel Mortgages, and 1 vol., Chattel Mortgage Minute Book.

Index to all mortgages, on real estate and chattel, recorded in the county. Indexed alphabetically by mortgagor and mortgagee. Handwritten on printed form. 550 pp. 18 x 12 x 3. C.C., Recorder's office.

79. RELEASE RECORD, 1903--. 1 vol.

Release record, showing names of persons executing releases, persons to whom assigned, and by whom canceled. No index. Handwritten. 300 pp. 18 x 12 x 2. C.C., Recorder's office.

80. SCHOOL FUND, MORTGAGE RECORD, 1873-~~1935~~. 3 vols. (2-3, 1 vol. not numbered).

Record of mortgages issued on loans from ~~the~~ county school fund. Indexed alphabetically by mortgagor. Handwritten. 500 pp. 18 x 12 x 3. C.C., Recorder's office.

Registers

81. FARM NAMES, REGISTER OF, 1913--. 1 vol.

Register of farm names, showing description and location of land. Indexed alphabetically by owner and farm name. Handwritten. 300 pp. 18 x 12 x 2. C.C., Recorder's office.

82. FARM NAMES, INDEX TO REGISTER OF, 1913--. 1 vol.

Index to register of farm names. Arranged alphabetically by owner and farm name. Handwritten. 300 pp. 18 x 12 x 2. C.C., Recorder's office.

83. LEASES, RECORD OF, 1920. 1 vol.

Record of leases on property for gas, oil, and minerals. Indexed alphabetically by leasor. Handwritten on printed form. 250 pp. 18 x 12 x 2. C.C., Recorder's office.

84. MISCELLANEOUS RECORDS, 1871--. 6 vols. (1-6).

Record of official bonds, bankrupt assignments, power of attorney, articles of agreements, mechanic's liens, and leases. Indexed alphabetically. Handwritten. 550 pp. 18 x 12 x 3. C.C., Recorder's office.

85. POWER OF ATTORNEY, RECORD OF, 1882-1917. 1 vol.

Record as indicated by title. Indexed alphabetically by names of first parties. Handwritten. 200 pp. 18 x 12 x 2. C.C., Recorder's office.

86. SOLDIER'S DISCHARGE RECORD, 1918-21. 1 vol.

Record of veterans' discharge papers, showing name, address, regiment and company, period of service, and character of discharge. Indexed alphabetically by veteran. Handwritten. 400 pp. 18 x 12 x 3. C.C., Recorder's office.

REVIEW, BOARD OF

Brown County has an annual board for the review of assessments and the equalization of the valuation of real and personal property. The board is composed of the Assessor, Treasurer, Auditor, and two freeholders of opposite political parties, appointed by the judge of the Circuit Court. The Assessor is the president and the Auditor is the secretary of the board.

It is the duty of the board to make changes in the valuation of the property ~~of~~ in the township or any taxing unit within the township, and to determine the rate per cent. to be added or deducted in order to make an equitable equalization of taxes throughout the county. The board also has the power, in proper cases, to ~~reduce or increase~~ correct the valuation of any particular tract or lot.

If the board shall find the aggregate assessment too high or too low or unequal, it may set aside the assessment of the whole county, or township, or taxing unit therein, and order a new assessment (Acts 1919, 64-1201 /14204/, 69-1205 /14208/.)

87. ~~BOARD OF REVIEW~~ RECORD, 1891--. 2 vols. (5-6). V. 1-4, prior to 1891, and 1 vol., 1920-22, missing.

Minutes of proceedings of meeting, showing petitions for lowered assessments and answers thereto, in question and answer form. No index. Handwritten. 400 pp. 18 x 12 x 3. C.C., Auditor's office.

SCHOOLS, SUPERINTENDENT OF

The Superintendent is elected by the township trustees for a four-year term. The candidate must have had five years' successful experience as a teacher in the public schools, and at the time of his election he must hold a superintendent's license. He must give bond for five thousand dollars. (Acts 1889, 1911, 1913 and 1927. Burns 28-702 [6507].)

The Superintendent exercises the general superintendence of the schools of Brown County. He visits schools while they are in session, conducts teachers' institutes, and calls meetings of teachers of Brown County schools once each month in the school year. His jurisdiction is limited to unincorporated communities. He makes out the basis of apportionment of school revenues from the enumeration. Official records of other county officers shall be open to his inspection, and he shall bring suit against them for neglect of duty. He presides over the county board of education and receives applications for school aid relief. (Acts 1933; Burns 28-901 to 28-911).

88. EXHIBITS IN HISTORY, 1907. 5 vols.

History papers sent as exhibits to St. Louis World's Fair. No index. Handwritten. 200 pp. 12 x 8 x 2. C.C., Superintendent's office.

89. (MISCELLANEOUS REPORTS), 1925--. 120 file boxes.

Contains state aid records, teachers' license records, success grades, and miscellaneous reports. List of contents on each box. 24 x 24 x 48. C.C., Superintendent's office.

90. TEACHERS' REPORTS, 1895--. 28 vols.

Record of teachers' reports to the county superintendent, including grades in teachers' examinations. No index. Handwritten. 300 pp. 18 x 12 x 2. C.C., Superintendent's office.

SHERIFF

The Sheriff is a constitutional officer chosen for a two-year period and is not eligible to hold office more than four years in any period of six years. He is a political officer, nominated by primary and elected in the ~~fall~~ regular elections. He must give bond for five thousand dollars. (2 Indiana Rev. Stat. 1852; Burns 49-2901 [1858].)

The Sheriff arrests without process all persons who, within his view, commit any crime or misdemeanor, delivers them before a justice of the peace of Brown County and holds them in his custody until the cause of such arrest has been investigated; pursues and commits to jail all felons; and executes all process directed to him by legal authority. It is his duty also to protect from mobs and possible lynchings persons so in danger. (2 Indiana Rev. Stat. 1852; Burns 49-2808 [1859-1186].)

91. DOCKET, 1858--. 23 vols. (2-6, 17 not numbered, 2 vols. numbered 2). V. 1, prior to 1858, missing.

Sheriff's record of court cases, showing names of persons, date of summons, and date of service of warrants. No index. Handwritten on printed form. 300 pp. 18 x 12 x 2. 20 vols. 1858-1926, C.C., Clerk's office; 3 vols. 1913--, Jail, Sheriff's office. [These dates overlap as books were not used consecutively.]

92. FEES, REGISTER OF, 1903. 3 vols. (1-3). Prior to 1903, missing.

Record of summons and mileage fees. No index. Handwritten on printed form. 300 pp. 18 x 12 x 2. V. 1, 1903-14, C.C., Clerk's office; v. 2-3, 1914--, Jail, Sheriff's office.

TREASURER

The Treasurer is a constitutional officer elected for a term of two years and is not eligible to serve more than four years in any period of six years. He is nominated in the primary and elected in the ~~fall~~ regular elections. He is required to execute his official bond of not less than the amount of money which may come into his hands at any time during his term. (Indiana Const., Art. 6, Sec. 1).

The Treasurer receives all money coming to Brown County and disburses the same on the proper orders. He keeps fee books and cash books and makes quarterly reports to the Auditor. At the expiration of his term of office he gives a sworn statement to the Auditor showing specifically the amount of fees collected, and deposits with the Auditor all orders redeemed. He makes a monthly statement to the Treasurer of State, collects property and poll taxes and State license fees, sells all property found on any dead body remaining unclaimed for sixty days, and diverts to the State the proceeds from the sale of estates when the heirs are unknown. (Indiana Const., Art. 6, Sec. 1; 1 Indiana Rev. Stat. 1852; Acts 1853; Burns 49-3103 to 49-3117 [1906-1920].)

Budget

93. APPROPRIATION AND DISBURSEMENT RECORD, 1897-1902. 1 vol. Record of funds appropriated for county officials and funds and disbursements against the appropriations. No index. Handwritten on printed form. 100 pp. 18 x 26 x 2. C.C., Treasurer's office.

94. ORDERS, REGISTER OF, 1863-99. 6 vols. 1883-96, missing. Record of orders issued by auditor, redeemed by treasurer. No index.

Handwritten. 400 pp. 18 x 12 x 3. C.C., Treasurer's office.

Maps

95. BROWN COUNTY.

Political map, showing roads, townships, land sections, and owners. Black and white. Scale 2" to 1 mile. 46 x 42. C.C., Treasurer's office.

96. PLATS OF BROWN COUNTY. 5 maps.

Political maps—one plat of each township. Drawn by W. E. Sayer, Bloomington, Ind. Black and white and blue print. Scale, 2" to 1 mile. Size not given. C.C., Treasurer's office.

Receipts and Disbursements

97. CASH BOOK OF DISBURSEMENTS AND AUDITOR'S WARRANTS, 1911-27. 2 vols. (1-2).

Record as indicated by title. No index. Handwritten. 400 pp. 18 x 12 x 3. C.C., Treasurer's office.

98. COLLECTION REGISTER, RECORD OF TAX COLLECTIONS, 1886-1917. 6 vols.

Record of all taxes collected. No index. Handwritten. Condition fair. 300 pp. 18 x 12 x 2. C.C., 4 vols. 1886-1901, Treasurer's office; 2 vols., 1891-1917, Auditor's office.

99. DAILY BALANCE OF CASH AND DEPOSITORIES, 1922--. 4 vols. (5-8). V. 1-4, missing.

Record of taxes collected, both current and delinquent, by townships and municipalities, deposits in and withdrawals from banks. No index. Handwritten on printed form. 500 pp. 18 x 12 x 3. C.C., Treasurer's office.

100. DAILY BALANCES, 1908-16. 4 vols. (1, 3, 2 not numbered).

Several volumes titled Monthly Statement and Ledger Receipts and Disbursements. V. 2, 1910-1912, missing.

Record of disbusements and balances, showing daily records of cash. No index. Handwritten on printed form. 160 pp. 18 x 12 x 3. C.C., Treasurer's office.

101. DISBURSEMENTS, RECORD OF, 1899-1924. 2 vols. (1-2).

Record of disbursements of funds from tax sale, redemption, school funds and revenue. No index. Handwritten on printed form. 160 pp. 18 x 26 x 3. C.C., Treasurer's office.

102. MONTHLY BALANCE RECORD, 1924--. 2 vols.

Record of all receipts and disbursements and monthly cash balances. No index. Handwritten on printed form. 250 pp. 22 x 22 x 2. C.C., Treasurer's office.

103. RECEIPTS, RECORD OF, 1911-24. 6 vols. (1-3, 3 vols. not numbered). 1885-1910, missing.

Record of receipts of all funds and revenues, such as recorder's fees and poor farm proceeds. No index. Handwritten on printed form. 120 pp. 18 x 26 x 3. C.C., 4 vols., 1842-85, C.C., Treasurer's office; 2 vols., 1916-24, Auditor's office.

104. RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS, LEDGER OF, 1927--. 2 vols.

Record as indicated by title, of school funds, tax sale redemptions, cities or towns. Arranged by subjects. Handwritten. 400 pp., loose-leaf. 18 x 20 x 3. C.C., Treasurer's office.

105. RECEIPTS OF SCHOOL FUNDS, REGISTER OF, 1888-1910. 2 vols.

Record of receipts from various school funds from the State. No index.

Handwritten. 300 pp. 18 x 12 x 3. C.C., Treasurer's office.

106. CASH BOOK OF TAXES AND CASH BOOK, 1881-1933. 9 vols. (3-5, 6 not numbered). 1902-19, missing.

Record as indicated by title, showing date of payments and amounts received for taxes paid by each township. No index. Handwritten on printed form. 480 pp. 18 x 18 x 3. C.C., Treasurer's office.

107. INSOLVENT TAXES, RECORD OF, 1876-1930. 1 vol.

Record of taxes dropped from tax duplicate when owners are gone and no property is left to cover taxes. No index. Handwritten on printed form. Condition poor. 400 pp. 18 x 12 x 3. C.C., Treasurer's office.

108. TAX DUPLICATE, 1859--. 229 vols., marked by year.

Tax duplicate. No index. Handwritten on printed form. 180 pp. 18 x 26 x 3. C.C., Treasurer's office.

109. TAXES COLLECTED, REGISTER OF, 1925--. 2 vols. (1-2).

Record as indicated by title, showing tax duplicate numbers, total tax collected, and type of taxes. No index. Handwritten on printed form. 620 pp. 18 x 12 x 3. C.C., Treasurer's office.

110. TAX RECEIPTS, 1928--. 185 vols., marked by year.

Record of tax receipts. Arranged by townships. Handwritten on printed form. 200 pp. 11 x 13 x 2. C.C., Treasurer's office.

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